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Dear Mrs. Cheswick--

Thank you for your letter of August 31. I should of course have anticipated and clarified the point you made.

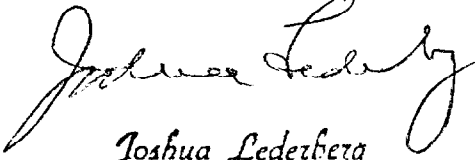
As we have become accustomed, if not inured, to do we are in the process of trying to juggle available finances and map out viable research programs for next year in the face of many uncertainties about funding, not only of new applications, but the level of old ones. The renewal of a fellowship for a man like Dr. Brandt is a particular problem, since we can scarcely discard a talent like that on short notice, and finding some way to keep him on would be the first priority for available funds.

Indeed, if Dr. Brandt is successful in acquiring a fellowship from federal sources, or failing that, from you, he will continue along his present lines of work and I will indeed recruit another research associate with funds from the present application. I am already negotiating with two or three promising candidates, but must wait until I can get a sufficient sense of the whole picture to know whether I can underwrite an implied commitment.

If Dr. Brandt does not obtain such a fellowship, and no other comparable funds become available, my plan is to take him on the chlorine-mutagenesis project, i.e., the present application. This project has, in my judgment, a higher short-term (fiscal) viability, and would be my choice if I have to make a severe cutback.

I do not have a very large staff at present (two postdocs., one technician; two graduate students; one medical student) in my work in molecular biology, and there is certainly room in my lab. to take on another associate.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

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